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Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 28, 30, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 41, 42, 44, 46, 49, 50, 52, and 53 have been amended. A clean copy of the amended claims is provided below. New claims 56-69 have been added. A marked up version of the amended claims follows the clean copy.

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1. (Amended) A method for facilitating category selection by a user in a computerized auction, comprising:

displaying a category field in a display window, said category field containing a plurality of category entries used to categorize an item in said computerized auction;

detecting selection of one category entry of said plurality of category entries in said category field; and

responsive to said detection of said selection of said one category entry, displaying at least one subcategory field in said display window, said at least one subcategory field containing a plurality of subcategory entries used to categorize said item in said auction, said plurality of subcategory entries corresponding to said one category entry of said plurality of category entries.

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2. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising displaying a category number associated with said one category entry in said display window.

3. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 1, wherein said category field comprises twelve category entries in alphabetical order.

4. (Amended) The method according to claim 2, further comprising subsequently accessing said one category entry using said category number.

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5. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said displaying at least one subcategory field further includes displaying a first subcategory field containing a plurality of first subcategory entries corresponding to said one category entry of said plurality of category entries; displaying a second subcategory field containing a plurality of second subcategory entries corresponding to a selected first subcategory entry of said plurality of first subcategory entries; and displaying a third subcategory field containing a plurality of third subcategory entries corresponding to a selected second subcategory entry of said plurality of second subcategory entries.

6. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are contained in graphically distinct areas within said display window.

7. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 6, wherein said at least one subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field.

8. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 6, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language documents.

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9. (Amended) A method for facilitating category selection by a user in a computerized auction, comprising:

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providing a plurality of category entries to be displayed for said user in a category field within a display window, said plurality of category entries being used to categorize an item in said computerized auction;

detecting selection by said user of a category entry of said plurality of category entries; and

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responsive to said detection of said selection of said category entry, providing a plurality of subcategory entries corresponding to said selected category entry, to be displayed for said user in at least one subcategory field within said display window, said plurality of subcategory entries being used to categorize said item in said auction.

10. (Amended) The method according to claim 9, further comprising providing a category number associated with said selected category entry to be displayed for said user in said display window.

11. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 9, wherein said category field comprises twelve category entries in alphabetical order.

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12. (Amended) The method according to claim 10, further comprising subsequently detecting input of said category number from said user and, responsive to said detection of said input, providing said associated category entry to be displayed for said user in said category field.

13. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 9, wherein said at least one subcategory field further comprises a first subcategory field containing a plurality of first subcategory entries corresponding to said category entry of said plurality of category entries selected by said user; a second subcategory field containing a plurality of second

subcategory entries corresponding to a selected first subcategory entry of said plurality of first subcategory entries; and a third subcategory field containing a plurality of third subcategory entries corresponding to a selected second subcategory entry of said plurality of second subcategory entries.

95 14. (Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are contained in graphically distinct areas within said display window.

15. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 14, wherein said at least one subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field.

16. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 14, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language documents.

Sub B3 17. (Amended) A computer readable medium containing executable instructions which, when executed in a processing system, cause said system to perform a method for facilitating category selection by a user in a computerized auction, said method comprising:

a6 displaying a category field in a display window, said category field containing a plurality of category entries used to categorize an item in said computerized auction;

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responsive to said detection of said selection of said one category entry, displaying at least one subcategory field in said display window, said at least one subcategory field containing a plurality of subcategory entries used to categorize said

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item in said auction, said plurality of subcategory entries corresponding to said one category entry of said plurality of category entries.

18. (Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 17, wherein said method further comprises displaying a category number associated with said one category in said display window.

19. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium according to claim 17, wherein said category field comprises twelve category entries in alphabetical order.

20. (Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 18, wherein said method further comprises subsequently accessing said one category entry using said category number.

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21. (Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 17, wherein said displaying at least one subcategory field further includes displaying a first subcategory field containing a plurality of first subcategory entries corresponding to said one category entry of said plurality of category entries; displaying a second subcategory field containing a plurality of second subcategory entries corresponding to a selected first subcategory entry of said plurality of first subcategory entries; and displaying a third subcategory field containing a plurality of third subcategory entries corresponding to a selected second subcategory entry of said plurality of second subcategory entries.

22. (Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 17, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are contained in graphically distinct areas within said display window.

23. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium according to claim 22, wherein said at least one subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field.

24. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium according to claim 22, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language documents.

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25. (Amended) A computer readable medium containing executable instructions which, when executed in a processing system, cause said system to perform a method for facilitating category selection by a user in a computerized auction, said method comprising:

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providing a plurality of category entries to be displayed for said user in a category field within a display window, said plurality of category entries being used to categorize an item in said computerized auction;

detecting selection by said user of a category entry of said plurality of category entries; and

responsive to said detection of said selection of said category entry, providing a plurality of subcategory entries corresponding to said selected category entry, to be displayed for said user in at least one subcategory field within said display window, said plurality of subcategory entries being used to categorize said item in said auction.

26. (Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 25, wherein said method further comprises providing a category number associated with said selected category entry to be displayed for said user in said display window.

27. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium according to claim 25, wherein said category field comprises ~~twelve~~ category entries in alphabetical order.

a9 28. (Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 26, wherein said method further comprises subsequently detecting input of said category number from said user and, responsive to said detection of said input, providing said associated category entry to be displayed for said user in said category field.

29. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium according to claim 25, wherein said at least one subcategory field further comprises a first subcategory field containing a plurality of first subcategory entries corresponding to said category entry of said plurality of category entries selected by said user; a second subcategory field containing a plurality of second subcategory entries corresponding to a selected first subcategory entry of said plurality of first subcategory entries; and a third subcategory field containing a plurality of third subcategory entries corresponding to a selected second subcategory entry of said plurality of second subcategory entries.

a10 30. (Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 25, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are contained in graphically distinct areas within said display window.

31. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium according to claim 30, wherein said at least one subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field.

32. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium according to claim 30, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language documents.

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33. (Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a program storage medium readable by a computer and tangibly embodying at least one program of instructions executable by said computer to perform a method for facilitating category selection by a user in a computerized auction, said method comprising:

- displaying a category field in a display window, said category field containing a plurality of category entries used to categorize an item in said computerized auction;
- detecting selection of one category entry of said plurality of category entries in said category field; and
- responsive to said detection of said selection of said one category entry, displaying at least one subcategory field in said display window, said at least one subcategory field containing a plurality of subcategory entries used to categorize said item in said auction, said plurality of subcategory entries corresponding to said one category entry of said plurality of category entries.

34. (Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 33, wherein said method further comprises displaying a category number associated with said one category entry in said display window.

35. (Unchanged) The article of manufacture according to claim 33, wherein said category field comprises twelve category entries in alphabetical order.

36. (Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 34, wherein said method further comprises subsequently accessing said one category entry using said category number.

a12 37. (Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 33, wherein said displaying at least one subcategory field further includes displaying a first subcategory field containing a plurality of first subcategory entries corresponding to said one category entry of said plurality of category entries; displaying a second subcategory field containing a plurality of second subcategory entries corresponding to a selected first subcategory entry of said plurality of first subcategory entries; and displaying a third subcategory field containing a plurality of third subcategory entries corresponding to a selected second subcategory entry of said plurality of second subcategory entries.

38. (Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 33, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are contained in graphically distinct areas within said display window.

39. (Unchanged) The article of manufacture according to claim 38, wherein said at least one subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field.

40. (Unchanged) ~~The article of manufacture according to claim 38, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language documents.~~

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ple → instructions executable by said computer to perform a method for facilitating category selection by a user in a computerized auction, said method comprising:

providing a plurality of category entries to be displayed for said user in a category field within a display window, said plurality of category entries being used to categorize an item in said computerized auction;

detecting selection by said user of a category entry of said plurality of category entries selected by said user; and

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concl responsive to said detection of said selection of said category entry, providing a plurality of subcategory entries corresponding to said selected category entry, to be displayed for said user in at least one subcategory field within said display window, said plurality of subcategory entries being used to categorize said item in said auction.

42. (Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 41, wherein said method further comprises providing a category number associated with said selected category entry to be displayed for said user in said display window.

43. (Unchanged) The article of manufacture according to claim 41, wherein said category field comprises twelve category entries in alphabetical order.

a14 44. (Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 42, wherein said method further comprises subsequently detecting input of said category number from said user and, responsive to said detection of said input, providing said associated category entry to be displayed for said user in said category field.

45. (Unchanged) The article of manufacture according to claim 41, wherein said at least one subcategory field further comprises a first subcategory field containing a

plurality of first subcategory entries corresponding to said category entry of said plurality of category entries selected by said user; a second subcategory field containing a plurality of second subcategory entries corresponding to a selected first subcategory entry of said plurality of first subcategory entries; and a third subcategory field containing a plurality of third subcategory entries corresponding to a selected second subcategory entry of said plurality of second subcategory entries.

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46. (Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 41, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are contained in graphically distinct areas within said display window.

47. (Unchanged) The article of manufacture according to claim 46, wherein said at least one subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field.

48. (Unchanged) The article of manufacture according to claim 46, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language documents.

49. (Amended) A system for facilitating category selection by a user in a computerized auction comprising:

a database; and

a server coupled to said database to provide a plurality of category entries to be displayed for said user in a category field within a display window, said plurality of category entries being used to categorize an item in said computerized auction,

to detect selection of one category entry of said plurality of category entries by said user,

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~~and, responsive to said detection of said selection of said one category entry, to determine whether said database contains a plurality of subcategory entries corresponding to said one category entry and being used to categorize said item in said computerized auction and to provide said plurality of subcategory entries to be displayed for said user in at least one subcategory field within said display window.~~

50. (Amended) The system according to claim 49, wherein said server further provides a category number associated with said one category entry to be displayed in said display window.

51. (Unchanged) The system according to claim 49, wherein said category field comprises twelve category ~~entries~~ in alphabetical order.

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52. (Amended) The system according to claim 50, wherein said server subsequently detects input of said category number and, responsive to said detection of said input, provides said one category entry associated with said category number to be displayed in said category field.

53. (Amended) The system according to claim 49, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are contained in graphically distinct areas within said display window.

54. (Unchanged) The system according to claim 53, wherein said at least one subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field.

55. (Unchanged) The system according to claim 53, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language documents.

56. (New) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
detecting selection of at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries in said at least one subcategory field.

57. (New) The method according to claim 56, further comprising:
responsive to said detection of said selection of said at least one subcategory entry, displaying a category number associated with said one category entry and said at least one subcategory entry in said display window.

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58. (New) The method according to claim 9, further comprising:
detecting selection by said user of at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries.

59. (New) The method according to claim 58, further comprising:
responsive to said detection of said selection of said at least one subcategory entry, providing a category number associated with said selected category entry and said at least one selected subcategory entry to be displayed for said user in said display window.

60. (New) The computer readable medium according to claim 17, wherein said method further comprises:
detecting selection of at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries in said at least one subcategory field.

61. (New) The computer readable medium according to claim 60, wherein said method further comprises:

responsive to said detection of said selection of said at least one subcategory entry, displaying a category number associated with said one category entry and said at least one subcategory entry in said display window.

62. (New) The computer readable medium according to claim 25, wherein said method further comprises:

detecting selection by said user of at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries.

63. (New) The computer readable medium according to claim 62, wherein said method further comprises:

responsive to said detection of said selection of said at least one subcategory entry, providing a category number associated with said selected category entry and said at least one selected subcategory entry to be displayed for said user in said display window.

64. (New) The article of manufacture according to claim 33, wherein said method further comprises:

detecting selection of at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries in said at least one subcategory field.

65. (New) The article of manufacture according to claim 64, wherein said method further comprises:

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responsive to said detection of said selection of said at least one subcategory entry, displaying a category number associated with said one category entry and said at least one subcategory entry in said display window.

66. (New) The article of manufacture according to claim 41, wherein said method further comprises:

detecting selection by said user of at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries.

67. (New) The article of manufacture according to claim 66, wherein said method further comprises:

responsive to said detection of said selection of said at least one subcategory entry, providing a category number associated with said selected category entry and said at least one selected subcategory entry to be displayed for said user in said display window.

68. (New) The system according to claim 49, wherein said server further detects selection by said user of at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries.

69. (New) The system according to claim 68, wherein, responsive to said detection of said selection of said at least one subcategory entry, said server further provides a category number associated with said selected category entry and said at least one selected subcategory entry to be displayed for said user in said display window.

MARKED UP VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS

A marked up version of the amended claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 28, 30, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 41, 42, 44, 46, 49, 50, 52, and 53 is provided below. New claims 56-69 have been added. Additions are indicated with “__” and deletions are indicated with “[].”

1. (Amended) A method for facilitating category selection by a user in a computerized auction, comprising:

[providing] displaying a category field in a display window, said category field containing a plurality of category entries used to categorize an item in said computerized auction;

[selecting] detecting selection of one category entry of said plurality of category entries in said category field; and

[providing] responsive to said detection of said selection of said one category entry, displaying at least one subcategory field in said display window, said at least one subcategory field containing a plurality of subcategory entries used to categorize said item in said auction, said plurality of subcategory entries corresponding to said one category entry of said plurality of category entries[; and

selecting at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries corresponding to said one category entry in said at least one subcategory field].

2. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising
[extracting] displaying a category number associated with said one category entry in said display window [and said at least one subcategory entry].

3. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 1, wherein said category field comprises twelve category entries in alphabetical order.

4. (Amended) The method according to claim 2, further comprising subsequently accessing said one category entry [and said at least one subcategory entry] using said category number.

5. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said [providing] displaying at least one subcategory field further includes [providing] displaying a first subcategory field containing a plurality of first subcategory entries corresponding to said one category entry of said plurality of category entries; [providing] displaying a second subcategory field containing a plurality of second subcategory entries corresponding to a selected first subcategory entry of said plurality of first subcategory entries; and displaying a third subcategory field containing a plurality of third subcategory entries corresponding to a selected second subcategory entry of said plurality of second subcategory entries.

6. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are contained in graphically distinct areas within said display window.

7. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 6, wherein said at least one subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field.

8. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 6, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language documents.

9. (Amended) A method for facilitating category selection by a user in a computerized auction, comprising:

providing a plurality of category entries to be displayed for said user in a category field within a display window [to said user], said plurality of category entries being used to categorize an item in said computerized auction;

[receiving] detecting selection by said user of a category entry of said plurality of category entries [selected by said user]; and

responsive to said detection of said selection of said category entry, providing a plurality of subcategory entries corresponding to said selected category entry, to be displayed for said user in at least one subcategory field within said display window, said plurality of subcategory entries being used to categorize said item in said auction [to said user; and

receiving at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries selected by said user].

10. (Amended) The method according to claim 9, further comprising providing a category number associated with said selected category entry [and said at least one selected subcategory entry] to be displayed for said user in said display window.

11. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 9, wherein said category field comprises twelve category entries in alphabetical order.

12. (Amended) The method according to claim 10, further comprising subsequently [receiving] detecting input of said category number from said user and,

responsive to said detection of said input, providing said associated category entry [and said at least one subcategory entry] to be displayed for said user in said category field.

13. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 9, wherein said at least one subcategory field further comprises a first subcategory field containing a plurality of first subcategory entries corresponding to said category entry of said plurality of category entries selected by said user; a second subcategory field containing a plurality of second subcategory entries corresponding to a selected first subcategory entry of said plurality of first subcategory entries; and a third subcategory field containing a plurality of third subcategory entries corresponding to a selected second subcategory entry of said plurality of second subcategory entries.

14. (Amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are contained in graphically distinct areas within said display window.

15. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 14, wherein said at least one subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field.

16. (Unchanged) The method according to claim 14, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language documents.

17. (Amended) A computer readable medium containing executable instructions which, when executed in a processing system, cause said system to perform a method for facilitating category selection by a user in a computerized auction, said method comprising:

[providing] displaying a category field in a display window, said category field containing a plurality of category entries used to categorize an item in said computerized auction;

[selecting] detecting selection of one category entry of said plurality of category entries in said category field; and

[providing] responsive to said detection of said selection of said one category entry, displaying at least one subcategory field in said display window, said at least one subcategory field containing a plurality of subcategory entries used to categorize said item in said auction, said plurality of subcategory entries corresponding to said one category entry of said plurality of category entries[; and

selecting at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries corresponding to said one category entry in said at least one subcategory field].

18. (Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 17, wherein said method further comprises [extracting] displaying a category number associated with said one category in said display window [entry and said each subcategory entry].

19. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium according to claim 17, wherein said category field comprises twelve category entries in alphabetical order.

20. (Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 18, wherein said method further comprises subsequently accessing said one category entry [and said at least one subcategory entry] using said category number.

21. (Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 17, wherein said [providing] displaying at least one subcategory field further includes [providing] displaying a first subcategory field containing a plurality of first subcategory entries corresponding to said one category entry of said plurality of category entries; [providing] displaying a second subcategory field containing a plurality of second subcategory entries corresponding to a selected first subcategory entry of said plurality of first subcategory entries; and displaying a third subcategory field containing a plurality of third subcategory entries corresponding to a selected second subcategory entry of said plurality of second subcategory entries.

22. (Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 17, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are contained in graphically distinct areas within said display window.

23. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium according to claim 22, wherein said at least one subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field.

24. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium according to claim 22, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language documents.

25. (Amended) A computer readable medium containing executable instructions which, when executed in a processing system, cause said system to perform a method for facilitating category selection by a user in a computerized auction, said method comprising:

providing a plurality of category entries to be displayed for said user in a category field within a display window [to said user], said plurality of category entries being used to categorize an item in said computerized auction;

[receiving] detecting selection by said user of a category entry of said plurality of category entries [selected by said user]; and

responsive to said detection of said selection of said category entry, providing a plurality of subcategory entries corresponding to said selected category entry, to be displayed for said user in at least one subcategory field within said display window, said plurality of subcategory entries being used to categorize said item in said auction [to said user; and

receiving at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries selected by said user].

26. (Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 25, wherein said method further comprises providing a category number associated with said selected category entry [and said at least one selected subcategory entry] to be displayed for said user in said display window.

27. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium according to claim 25, wherein said category field comprises twelve category entries in alphabetical order.

28. (Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 26, wherein said method further comprises subsequently [receiving] detecting input of said category number from said user and, responsive to said detection of said input, providing said associated category entry [and said at least one subcategory entry] to be displayed for said user in said category field.

29. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium according to claim 25, wherein said at least one subcategory field further comprises a first subcategory field containing a plurality of first subcategory entries corresponding to said category entry of said plurality of category entries selected by said user; a second subcategory field containing a plurality of second subcategory entries corresponding to a selected first subcategory entry of said plurality of first subcategory entries; and a third subcategory field containing a plurality of third subcategory entries corresponding to a selected second subcategory entry of said plurality of second subcategory entries.

30. (Amended) The computer readable medium according to claim 25, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are contained in graphically distinct areas within said display window.

31. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium according to claim 30, wherein said at least one subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field.

32. (Unchanged) The computer readable medium according to claim 30, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language documents.

33. (Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a program storage medium readable by a computer and tangibly embodying at least one program of instructions executable by said computer to perform a method for facilitating category selection by a user in a computerized auction, said method comprising:

[providing] displaying a category field in a display window, said category field containing a plurality of category entries used to categorize an item in said computerized auction;

[selecting] detecting selection of one category entry of said plurality of category entries in said category field; and

[providing] responsive to said detection of said selection of said one category entry, displaying at least one subcategory field in said display window, said at least one subcategory field containing a plurality of subcategory entries used to categorize said item in said auction, said plurality of subcategory entries corresponding to said one category entry of said plurality of category entries[; and

selecting at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries corresponding to said one category entry in said at least one subcategory field].

34. (Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 33, wherein said method further comprises [extracting] displaying a category number associated with said one category entry in said display window [and said each subcategory entry].

35. (Unchanged) The article of manufacture according to claim 33, wherein said category field comprises twelve category entries in alphabetical order.

36. (Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 34, wherein said method further comprises subsequently accessing said one category entry [and said at least one subcategory entry] using said category number.

37. (Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 33, wherein said [providing] displaying at least one subcategory field further includes [providing]

displaying a first subcategory field containing a plurality of first subcategory entries corresponding to said one category entry of said plurality of category entries; [providing] displaying a second subcategory field containing a plurality of second subcategory entries corresponding to a selected first subcategory entry of said plurality of first subcategory entries; and displaying a third subcategory field containing a plurality of third subcategory entries corresponding to a selected second subcategory entry of said plurality of second subcategory entries.

38. (Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 33, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are contained in graphically distinct areas within said display window.

39. (Unchanged) The article of manufacture according to claim 38, wherein said at least one subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field.

40. (Unchanged) The article of manufacture according to claim 38, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language documents.

41. (Amended) An article of manufacture comprising a program storage medium readable by a computer and tangibly embodying at least one program of instructions executable by said computer to perform a method for facilitating category selection by a user in a computerized auction, said method comprising:

providing a plurality of category entries to be displayed for said user in a category field within a display window [to said user], said plurality of category entries being used to categorize an item in said computerized auction;

[receiving] detecting selection by said user of a category entry of said plurality of category entries [selected by said user]; and

responsive to said detection of said selection of said category entry, providing a plurality of subcategory entries corresponding to said selected category entry, to be displayed for said user in at least one subcategory field within said display window, said plurality of subcategory entries being used to categorize said item in said auction [to said user; and

receiving at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries selected by said user].

42. (Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 41, wherein said method further comprises providing a category number associated with said selected category entry [and said at least one selected subcategory entry] to be displayed for said user in said display window.

43. (Unchanged) The article of manufacture according to claim 41, wherein said category field comprises twelve category entries in alphabetical order.

44. (Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 42, wherein said method further comprises subsequently [receiving] detecting input of said category number from said user and, responsive to said detection of said input, providing said [and] associated category entry [and said at least one subcategory entry] to be displayed for said user in said category field.

45. (Unchanged) The article of manufacture according to claim 41, wherein said at least one subcategory field further comprises a first subcategory field containing a

plurality of first subcategory entries corresponding to said category entry of said plurality of category entries selected by said user; a second subcategory field containing a plurality of second subcategory entries corresponding to a selected first subcategory entry of said plurality of first subcategory entries; and a third subcategory field containing a plurality of third subcategory entries corresponding to a selected second subcategory entry of said plurality of second subcategory entries.

46. (Amended) The article of manufacture according to claim 41, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are contained in graphically distinct areas within said display window.

47. (Unchanged) The article of manufacture according to claim 46, wherein said at least one subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field.

48. (Unchanged) The article of manufacture according to claim 46, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language documents.

49. (Amended) A system for facilitating category selection by a user in a computerized auction comprising:

[a display component] a database; and

[a category selection component] a server coupled to said [display component] database to provide [for providing a category field containing] a plurality of category entries [to said display component] to be displayed for said user in a category field within a display window, said plurality of category entries being used to categorize an item in said computerized auction.[;]

[said display component] to detect [detecting] selection of one category entry of said plurality of category entries by said user,[:]

[said category selection component receiving said one category entry selected by said user] and, responsive to said detection of said selection of said one category entry, to determine whether said database contains [providing at least one subcategory field containing] a plurality of subcategory entries [to said display component, said plurality of subcategory entries] corresponding to said one category entry and being used to categorize said item in said computerized auction and to provide said plurality of subcategory entries to be displayed for said user in at least one subcategory field within said display window;

said display component detecting selection of at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries by said user].

50. (Amended) The system according to claim 49, wherein said [category selection component] server further [receives said at least one subcategory entry selected by said user and] provides a category number associated with said one category entry [and said at least one subcategory entry to said display browser component] to be displayed in said display window.

51. (Unchanged) The system according to claim 49, wherein said category field comprises twelve category entries in alphabetical order.

52. (Amended) The system according to claim 50, wherein said [category selection component] server subsequently detects input of [receives] said category number and, responsive to said detection of said input, provides said one category entry

[and said at least one subcategory entry] associated with said category number [to said display browser component] to be displayed in said category field.

53. (Amended) The system according to claim 49, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are contained in graphically distinct areas within said display window.

54. (Unchanged) The system according to claim 53, wherein said at least one subcategory field is substantially adjacent to said category field.

55. (Unchanged) The system according to claim 53, wherein said category field and said at least one subcategory field are page mark-up language documents.

56. (New) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
detecting selection of at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries in said at least one subcategory field.

57. (New) The method according to claim 56, further comprising:
responsive to said detection of said selection of said at least one subcategory entry, displaying a category number associated with said one category entry and said at least one subcategory entry in said display window.

58. (New) The method according to claim 9, further comprising:
detecting selection by said user of at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries.

59. (New) The method according to claim 58, further comprising:
responsive to said detection of said selection of said at least one subcategory entry, providing a category number associated with said selected category entry and said at least one selected subcategory entry to be displayed for said user in said display window.

60. (New) The computer readable medium according to claim 17, wherein said method further comprises:
detecting selection of at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries in said at least one subcategory field.

61. (New) The computer readable medium according to claim 60, wherein said method further comprises:
responsive to said detection of said selection of said at least one subcategory entry, displaying a category number associated with said one category entry and said at least one subcategory entry in said display window.

62. (New) The computer readable medium according to claim 25, wherein said method further comprises:
detecting selection by said user of at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries.

63. (New) The computer readable medium according to claim 62, wherein said method further comprises:
responsive to said detection of said selection of said at least one subcategory entry, providing a category number associated with said selected category entry and said

at least one selected subcategory entry to be displayed for said user in said display window.

64. (New) The article of manufacture according to claim 33, wherein said method further comprises:

detecting selection of at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries in said at least one subcategory field.

65. (New) The article of manufacture according to claim 64, wherein said method further comprises:

responsive to said detection of said selection of said at least one subcategory entry, displaying a category number associated with said one category entry and said at least one subcategory entry in said display window.

66. (New) The article of manufacture according to claim 41, wherein said method further comprises:

detecting selection by said user of at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries.

67. (New) The article of manufacture according to claim 66, wherein said method further comprises:

responsive to said detection of said selection of said at least one subcategory entry, providing a category number associated with said selected category entry and said at least one selected subcategory entry to be displayed for said user in said display window.

68. (New) The system according to claim 49, wherein said server further detects selection by said user of at least one subcategory entry of said plurality of subcategory entries.

69. (New) The system according to claim 68, wherein, responsive to said detection of said selection of said at least one subcategory entry, said server further provides a category number associated with said selected category entry and said at least one selected subcategory entry to be displayed for said user in said display window.